

REMARKS

Claims 11-14 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to avoid the multiple dependent claim surcharge. Accordingly, Claims 1-10 are pending for examination. Applicants reserve the right to present the cancelled claims for examination at a later time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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